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*ica*.—December 29 and 30. President, J. G. Needham. Secretary, Dr. J. M. Aldrich, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.

*American Association of Economic Entomologists*.—December 31 to January 2. President, W. C. O'Kane. Secretary, Albert F. Burgess, Gipsy Moth Parasite Laboratory, Melrose Highlands, Mass.

*Botanical Society of America*.—December 30 to January 1, with joint sessions as follows: Tuesday, December 30, Section G; Wednesday, December 31, American Society for Horticultural Science; Thursday, January 1, 10 A.M., Ecological Society of America, 2 P.M., American Phytopathological Society. On Wednesday night, December 31, will be the annual dinner for all botanists, followed by presidential address. President, J. C. Arthur. Secretary, Professor J. R. Schramm, N. Y. State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, N. Y.

*American Phytopathological Society*.—President, C. L. Shear. Secretary, Dr. G. R. Lyman, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

*American Society for Horticultural Science*.—December 29 to 31. President, J. W. Crow. Secretary, Professor C. P. Close, College Park, Md.

*Association of Official Seed Analysts*.—Will meet on Monday and Tuesday, December 29 and 30. President, H. D. Hughes. Secretary, R. C. Dahlberg, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.

*Ecological Society of America*.—December 30 to January 1, with joint session with the American Society of Zoologists on Tuesday, December 30, and with Botanical Society of America on Thursday, January 1. President, Barrington Moore. Secretary, Dr. Forrest Shreve, Desert Botanical Laboratory, Tuscon, Arizona.

*American Pomological Society*.—December 30 to January 1. President, L. H. Bailey. Secretary, Professor Edward R. Lake, Hotel St. Nicholas, Albany, Ga.

*American Microscopical Society*.—December 30, for luncheon and executive committee and on Wednesday, December 31, for business meeting just following Section F

afternoon session. President, L. E. Griffin. Secretary, Professor Paul S. Welch, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

*American Nature-Study Society*.—December 30. President, L. H. Bailey. Secretary, Dr. Anna Botsford Comstock, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

*Wilson Ornithological Club*.—December 29 and 30. President, Myron H. Swenk. Secretary, Professor Albert F. Gainer, 924 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

*American Metric Association*.—December 29 and 30. President, George F. Kunz. Secretary, Howard Richards, Jr., 156 5th Avenue, New York, N. Y.

*Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science*.—Secretary, Dr. C. P. Gillette, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colo.

*Society of Sigma Xi*.—President, Julius Stieglitz. Secretary, Dr. Henry Baldwin Ward, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

*Gamma Alpha Graduate Scientific Fraternity*.—President, Norman E. Gilbert. Secretary, Dr. Albert H. Wright, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

*Phi Kappa Phi*.—December 31. President, Edwin E. Sparks. Secretary, Dr. L. H. Pammel, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

*Gamma Sigma Delta*.—Thursday, January 1. President, C. H. Eckles. Secretary, Dr. L. H. Pammel, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

#### THE ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that Mr. John D. Rockefeller has added \$10,600,000 to his previous endowment of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. This gift, the largest made by Mr. Rockefeller at one time to the institution, is to meet rapidly growing needs in its many lines of research and in making new knowledge available in the protection of the public health and in the improved treatment of disease and injury.

By this increase in the endowment, new lines of research will be

sustained in biology, chemistry and physics, upon which medical science so largely rests, as well as in medicine itself, as will the study of many practical problems directly relating to diseases in men and animals which are already under way.

The local activities of the Rockefeller Institute in New York are chiefly carried on in the great laboratories and the hospital, which stand high on the bluff facing the East River, between East 64th and 67th Streets, a part of the old Schermerhorn Farm of an earlier day.

Near Princeton, N. J., the institute has a large farm, where it maintains a department of animal pathology. The laboratories and various accessory buildings here are devoted to research on the diseases of animals and effective methods for their prevention and cure, as well as to the study of the bearing of animal diseases upon the health and economic interests of man.

The scientific staff of the Rockefeller Institute numbers sixty-five, most of them highly trained and of large experience in the subjects to which they are exclusively devoted. The institute further employs 310 persons in its technical and general service. It is to the perpetual maintenance of such a group of men and women, with adequate facilities and suitable conditions for their successful work, for the general welfare, that the gifts of Mr. Rockefeller to the institute are devoted.

The scientific staff consists of members, associate members, associates and assistants. The members are:

Simon Flexner, pathology and bacteriology; director of the Laboratories.

Rufus Cole, medicine; director of the Hospital; physician to the Hospital.

Theobald Smith, director of the department of animal pathology.

Alexis Carrel, experimental surgery. P. A. Levene, chemistry. Jacques Loeb, experimental biology. S. J. Meltzer, physiology and pharmacology. Hideyo Noguchi, pathology and bacteriology.

#### PROBLEMS OF FOOD AND NUTRITION

THE National Research Council has formed a special committee on Food and Nutrition Problems, composed of a group of the most eminent physiological chemists and nutrition experts of the country. The members are: Carl Alsberg, chief, bureau of chemistry, Department of Agriculture; H. P. Armsby, director of the institute of animal nutrition, Pennsylvania State College; Isabel Bevier, director of department of home economics, University of Illinois; E. B. Forbes, chief, department of nutrition, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station; W. H. Jordan, director, N. Y. Agricultural Experiment Station; Graham Lusk, professor of physiology, Cornell University Medical College; C. F. Langworthy, chief of office of home economics, Department of Agriculture; E. V. McCollum, professor of biochemistry, School of Public Health and Hygiene, Johns Hopkins University; L. B. Mendel, professor of physiological chemistry, Yale University; J. R. Murlin, professor of physiology and director of the department of vital economics, University of Rochester; R. A. Pearson, president of the Iowa State Agricultural College; H. C. Sherman, professor of food chemistry, Columbia University; A. E. Taylor, Rush professor of physiological chemistry, University of Pennsylvania; and A. F. Woods, botanist, president of Maryland State College of Agriculture.

This committee will devote its attention and activities to the solution